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MWAIS 2010 Dean's Panel

What the Business Dean's are Doing to Cope with the Limited and Declining States' Support for Public Higher Education and the Need to Maintain Quality to Keep College AACSB, ABET, and ACBSP Accreditations

Objectives:

To provide a forum to discuss:

- The necessary levels of funding for colleges to maintain quality to achieve and keep accreditation
- The ways that colleges may be able to use available resources to increase productivity while maintaining quality in the face of declining public financial support for higher education
- The ways student financial support can be increased given the annual increase in the levels of tuition and fees students are facing

General Issues:

Colleges seek accreditation to distinguish themselves among peers as entities who have achieved the highest standards in respective fields. In particular, institutions who achieve accreditation are committing their resources towards continuous improvement and peer reviews. The public colleges and universities in recent years have been facing significant decline in public financial support and as a result tuition and fees have increased significantly. Given that achieving and maintaining accreditation requires significant amount of time and resources the panel will discuss ways to achieve these objectives under the current difficult economic conditions. The panel will also discuss strategies to cope with the declining states' financial support for higher education and its potential impacts on the increasing levels of tuition and fees students are facing.

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